



Remarks

Claim 33 is canceled.

Claims 30-32 are amended.

The present claims are amended to further define the proviso phrase at the end of each. G_3 must now be T_1 under the proviso.

T_1 is amended to be a C_{30} - C_{50} alkyl. Support is found for example on page 53 of the specification, Examples 51-65.

Claim 32 is further amended to be consistent with claim 30.

No new matter is added.

Applicants aver that there is now no possible overlap of the present compounds with those disclosed in Ravichandran, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,977,219.

Claims 30-33 are rejected under 35 USC 102(a and e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Ravichandran, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,977,219.

Applicants submit that there is now no anticipation as outlined above.

Further, T_1 is now a C_{30} - C_{50} alkyl. The closest compound disclosed by Ravichandran is of 24 carbon atoms. For example, regarding formula (C) of Ravichandran, when n is 1 R_5 may be OR_6 and R_6 may be up to C_{24} (col. 4, lines 41-50). Regarding formulae (A), (C) and (D), G_2 may be for example $-COOG_3$ where G_3 is up to 24 carbon atoms (col. 3, lines 21-32).

Applicants aver that there is no anticipation, and further, that the present claims cannot be obvious over the disclosure of Ravichandran. The present compounds (as stated in the proviso of each) have at least a C_{30} alkyl where T_1 is required or have a $-(CH_2)_p-X-CO-T_2$ group.

In view of the present amendments and comments, Applicants submit that the 35 USC 102(a and e) and the 35 USC 103(a) rejections are addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

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